

News and Views from St Peter's Church

and

The Parish of Redcar



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OFFICE HOUR—the church is open between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday evenings to discuss baptisms or weddings.

For funerals, please contact your funeral director.

Church email address hello@stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk

WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S

Sundays 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

3rd Sunday of month

10.00am ALL AGE WORSHIP—a family friendly
Service with Holy Communion

1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of month

10.00am ST PETER'S ARK—a service for children
Come and learn about Jesus with us

Sunday 7.00pm NIGHT PRAYER (Compline) on Zoom (fortnightly)
Meeting ID: 930 2516 0828, Password: 1234

Wednesday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION
The last Wednesday of the month is also
Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

Wednesday 12noon COME TO THE TABLE—bible study, worship,
testimony and food

Wednesday 6.30pm REFLECTIONS—an opportunity to reflect on the big
questions of modern life in a safe, comfortable
and friendly space

Thursday 9.00am MORNING PRAYER in the Lady Chapel

10.00am PRAM SERVICE—a time of worship and play for babies,
toddlers and their parents, grandparents, and carers

Sunday services are live streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel.
Prayers, reflections and notices are posted on St Peter's Facebook page.



 www.stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk

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Views from the Vicarage

ROAD CLOSED!

You would be amazed at the number of people that ignore massive road closed signs. For the past week, Thrush Road has been closed during the day time because of resurfacing. It's quite annoying, because it cuts off Redcar Lane from West Dyke Road. Cars constantly drive down my street, despite a big sign telling them that there is no way through, in the hope of cutting through. They



quickly realise and either drive around the block to return from whence they came, or do a three point turn outside the Vicarage.

The Bible talks quite a bit about signs. In fact, we read in John:2 that when Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding at Cana that

'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him'.

In this case the sign was to his disciples who, after this incident, believed in him.

The trouble is that people often simply ignore signs, like those drivers that have to turn around outside the Vicarage because it's only when they see the cones blocking off Thrush Road for themselves that they decide they have to turn around.

There's a really funny film called Bruce Almighty: there's a scene when Bruce (Jim Carey) is trying to pray to God for guidance for his life that is spiralling into disaster. "Just give me a sign" he prays as he drives past a big light up sign that says 'Caution Ahead'. Ignoring it, he moves on to see a wagon full of road signs pull out in front of him. This too makes no impression on him, and he ends up driving into a lamp post. God is trying to speak to him and he just isn't listening.

I don't know about you but there have been times in my life like that. When God was speaking to me, there were signs telling me where to go, but I often went the wrong way anyway. God may well be speaking to you today, showing you the way—are you following the right signs?

God has been really working in our church of St Peter's over the past 12 months or so. We've upped our game with regards technology and now a lot more people are engaging with our message of love thanks to Nick. Steve completed the Mustard Seed programme and has faithfully begun the Reflections meeting on Wednesday evenings, Foodbank has grown with regards the services that we offer, the team that runs it along with Alison, the Citizens' Advice Bureau representative, all work brilliantly together. AND we have also welcomed into our ministry team Church Army Evangelist Claire, who has also made such a difference to our children and families work, as well as reaching the people who are often left on the margins. She is now fully commissioned; we thank God for her and for his work in our church.

Every Blessing, Rev'd Andy

Congratulations to Claire

Claire recently completed her training as a Church Army Evangelist. Claire writes...

“Church Army hosted a wonderful service at Sheffield Cathedral, led by Bishop Saju of Leicester, who is on the Board of Church Army.

Seven Evangelists in training were Admitted into the Office of Evangelists and Commissioned into Church Army UK & Ireland.

Bishop Saju led the service beautifully, and wow, what a message for all of us from the Emmaus Road scripture from Luke 13.35

1. A ministry of modelling and embodying Jesus
2. A ministry asking the right questions—Jesus asked 307!
3. A ministry of bewilderment, explaining the wonderful mystery of our faith
4. A ministry of the word
5. A ministry of blessing
6. A ministry of hospitality—remember to be a guest, not just a hope
7. A ministry of unveiling—help people to see that there is a God who loves them”



Claire told us all about her faith journey at a recent Sunday service, and the following is taken from her Church Army biography.

“Claire was confirmed at 11 but as a teenager, she distanced herself from church somewhat, but God didn’t distance himself from her. An encounter with an evangelist during a time of real personal difficulties led Claire to a relationship with Jesus.

Accepting an invitation to church, Claire's heart opened up during the service where she felt Jesus. He met her in her time of need and placed around her the people she needed to rebuild her life. The experience was transformational, making her stronger and giving her the drive to help others meet Jesus and feel the same transformation.

Being a part of the Church Army community for three years has been transformative for Claire, surrounding her with love and encouragement. Through Admission and Commissioning, Claire finally feels a validation of her calling after a long search. This experience has truly nurtured her confidence, marking a significant milestone in her journey.

After Admitting and Commissioning Claire plans to continue in her current ministries, utilising her skills and empowering others meet with Jesus and be transformed. “

Rev'd Elaine writes...

“I first met Claire while covering when Andy was away and she introduced herself and told me of the work she had been doing at St Cuthbert's and St John's. My initial reaction was how lucky St Peter's would be if she joined us. Having had the privilege of working alongside her, I realise I wasn't mistaken. Congratulation on your commissioning Claire and prayers for your continuing walk with our Lord.”

Janet Fox writes...

“It has been a great pleasure working with Claire in the Ark, she is very creative and enthusiastic and makes the children's activities interesting and fun. Claire has taught us some wonderful new worship songs with actions and videos to enrich the children's learning.”

Daphne Wood writes...

“I truly believe God sent Claire to St Peter's and we are so blessed to have her with us, fulfilling her mission to children and families through The Ark, at Pram Service, and with schools and special events. Her work through Come to The table, which works with local people who have difficult lives and are searching for answers, is inspiring. Congratulations on your commissioning, and thank you Claire.”

For more information on Church Army,
Visit www.churcharmy.org



The following was used by Rev'd Andy in the All Age Service on 21st July

You're Welcome!

“We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rake or could afford to lose a few pounds. You're welcome if you are Old Redcar, New Redcar, Dormanstown, Kirkleatham or just passing by.

We welcome you if you can sing like Pavarotti or can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woke up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been in church since little Jack's christening.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like 'organised religion.' We've been there too!

If you blew all your money on the horses, you're welcome here. We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, 'work too hard,' don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost on your way to the beach and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts... and you!”

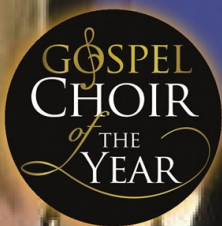
Blessings, Rev'd Andy

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LECTIONARY AUGUST 2024

Sunday 4th August

2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a
Psalm 51.1-13
Ephesians 4.1-16
John 6.24-35

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 11th August

2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2
John 6.35,41-51

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18th August

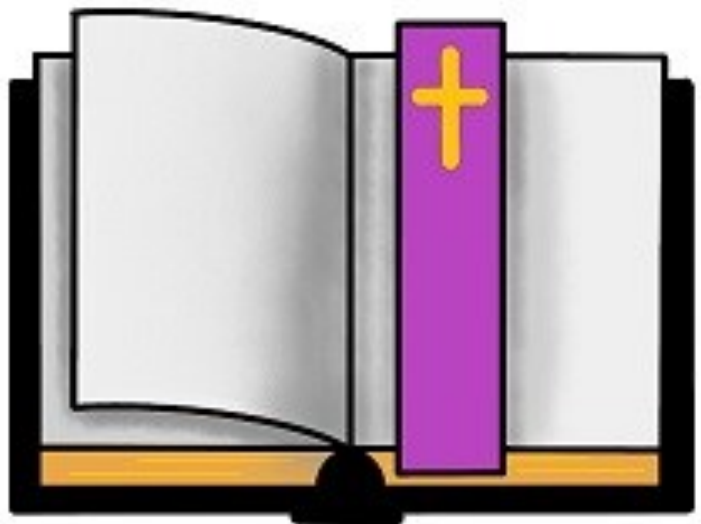
1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5.15-20
John 6.51-58

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25th August

1 Kings 8.(1,6,10-11)
22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.56-69

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

We welcome into the family of the church...

7th July Parker Crossman

21st July Mila Kelly

28th July Rosie Miller

28th July Sophie Miller



Holy Matrimony

We pray for the home and happiness of

Phillipa Pearson and Martin Rushworth

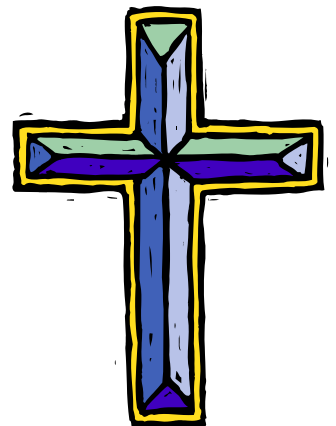


In Loving Memory

Funerals held in July 2024

12th July Hazel Clarkson

We pray for her family and friends



MU Diary for August

NO BRANCH MEETING THIS MONTH

Friday 9th **St Mark's Marske MU are celebrating Mary Sumner Day**
with a quiche and salad lunch after the 11.00am service of Holy Communion. Please let Cynthia know if you would like to join them for lunch.

Wednesday 21st **7.30pm** **EMUs (tbc)**

Wednesday 28th **9.30 am** **Corporate Communion**
(do wear your badges)

Wednesday 28th **12.30pm for 1.00pm** **Cleveland Golf Club, Redcar**
MU Deanery Lunch

Our next Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd September at 2.00pm

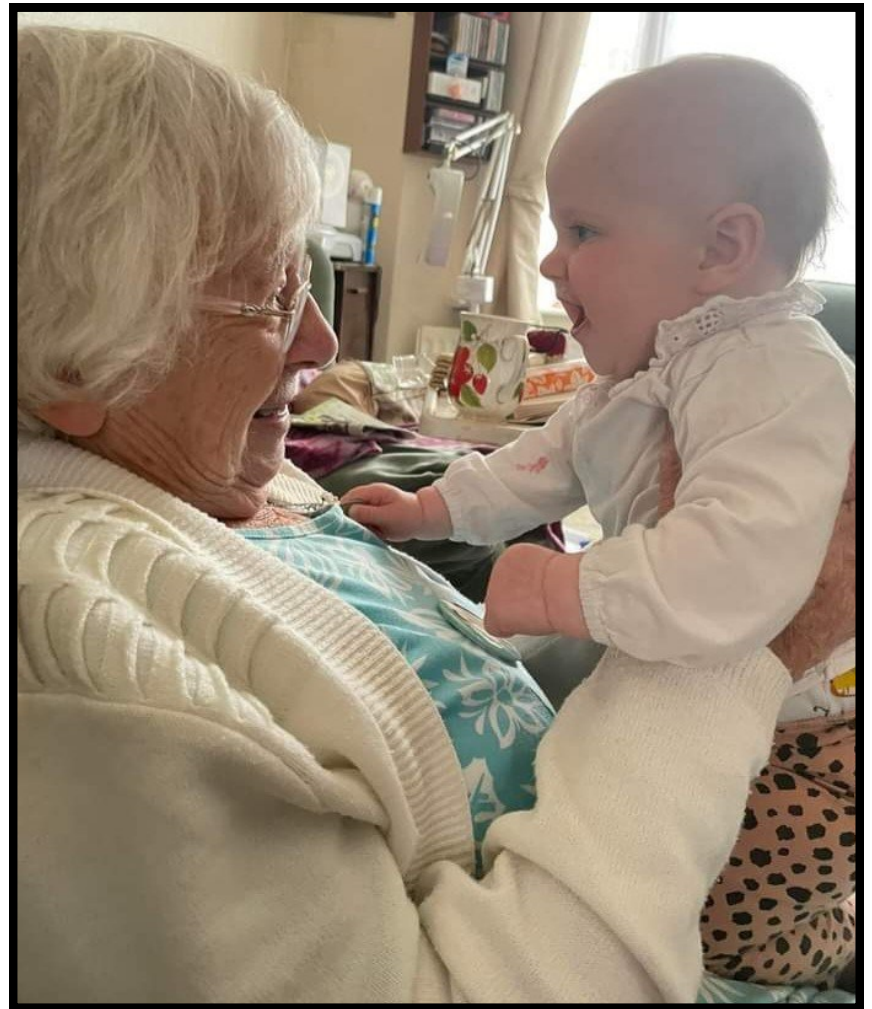
Hi Everyone!

Well, July was a little underwhelming 'weather wise'. It started off ok but it has been a bit hit and miss. Lots of events and celebrations to look forward to such as Armed Forces Day, Wimbledon, European football, holidays the Olympics and all that glorious sunshine of summer mmm, it has been a bit unpredictable but what I've never doubted was the response of the wonderful readers of these pages to events happening in and around St. Peter's!

Our thanks to everyone who supported us last month at the Strawberry and Pimms event; we raised a little over £220 for the Summer of Hope Appeal and again a big well done to ALL our members who supported Sandra Veitch, the social team and the church wardens at the church Summer Fair. The MU toiletries stall did really well and it was a good result overall.

It was also Joyce Hogg's special 'party' day that afternoon (the first of several that week, I understand) celebrating her 90th birthday. Congratulations Joyce.

I hope you'll make note of the service at St. Mark's Marske on the 9th for Mary Sumner's Day and our branch meeting on 3rd September. We are looking forward to welcoming Sarah Charlton and her colleague to tell us about the work of EVA and some of the issues around Domestic Abuse & Violence. It is now nearly a year since Mothers' Union launched the RISE UP campaign which we are continuing to support. Dear



readers, if you would like to join us at 2pm, we would be very pleased to have your company!

I will look forward to seeing some of you at the Deanery Lunch but until then

Have a lovely summer and stay safe if you are travelling!

Blessings, Anne x

Reverend Claire Soderman



Rev'd Claire has been appointed as Vicar of the Benefice of Seamer, East Ayton and Cayton, near Scarborough.

Her Licensing Service will be on Monday, 7th October at 7.30pm at St Martin's Church, Seamer.



ST PETER'S 100 CLUB

The result of the July 2024 draw was:

1st No. 95 F Smith £40

2nd No. 97 B Coulson £10

Rev Elaine writes...

This was sent to me by a friend:

I cannot say OUR, if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say FATHER, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say WHO ARE IN HEAVEN, if all my interest and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME, if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say, THY KINGDOM COME, if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN, unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellow man.

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US, if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL, if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of word and prayer.

I cannot say THINE IS THE KINGDOM, if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say THINE IS THE POWER, if I fear what my neighbours or friends may say or do.

I cannot say THINE IS THE GLORY, if I am seeking my own glory and recognition first.

I cannot say FOREVER, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say AMEN, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer"

With love, Rev'd Elaine



FRIENDS
OF
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CEMETERY

The Friends are involved in many different events this month as well as keeping up the all-important work in the cemetery.

We are involved in the Redcar and Zetland Writers Group who are holding an event for their course participants with a visit and tour of the cemetery. Ged and I are recalling some of the stories and Victorian symbols for this event the Stories in Stone. The participants are then writing creatively and sharing poems which have been inspired by the visit.



We are at the Palace Hub on the sea front with an exhibition of our work of 20 years and the 150th anniversary of the old section cemetery being opened. The original plans of the Chapels and the consecration of the cemetery as well as many other interesting history items will be on show. This event will be open from the 20th of August to the 3rd of September. We hope you will be able to visit.

The Pay Back Scheme participants are continuing their valuable work in painting the cemetery fencing and are nearly finished the middle section of the cemetery. We are funding the paint and preparation materials.

The opening and blessing of the Peter Rabbit Garden will be carried out this month. After years of working on this special place, at last it will be finished and is already a comfort to those who need it, and we hope it will be for years to come.



Thanks to Jackie, the Community Champion from Tesco, for all the lovely plants gifted to the cemetery to brighten our borders. Thanks to the Gardening Group for all their hard work dodging all the rain; at last we are on to a drier spell which will encourage us all.

We were sad to hear the news that Joan Buckley had passed away. She was a past member of the group and one year brought her cubs to help plant spring bulbs in the cemetery. One of the current scout leaders has contacted us and is hoping to bring some of the scouts to work with us. A full circle of remembrance for Joan RIP.



Dot Ahmed

I Am Your Ship

Lord, I am Your ship.

Fill me with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit.
Without You I am empty of every blessing,
And full of every sin.

Lord, I am Your ship.

Fill me with a cargo of good works.
Without You, I am empty of every joy,
And full of vain pleasures.

Lord, I am Your ship.

Fill me with love for You.

By John Sergieff (1829 – 1908; a priest in Russia)

East Redcar Residents' Association

The East Redcar Residents' Association works to improve and protect the parks and open spaces in East Redcar.

Meetings are held in St Peter's Church upstairs meeting room at 7.00pm on the first Thursday of each month.

We are taking a break in August, so the next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Thursday, 5th September.

Please contact michaelcarling@btinternet.com for details.

Thank you, Mike Carling



What Ushers Do...

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud during the service.

Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked indignantly.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers!"

Miscellaneous Observations on Life...

- Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time
- On TV, people can flip a whole house in a month. Meanwhile, I've been 'getting ready to vacuum' for a week now
- We've got stained glass windows in our house. Stupid pigeons

Move It...

A South London clergyman who was appointed to another parish received a letter from a firm of furniture removers. It assured him: "Dear Sir, we would like to remove you. In the last year we have removed 40 South London clergymen, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."

Yum Yum...

A notice outside Chichester Cathedral advertised lunchtime concerts with the encouragement that: "Sandwiches may be eaten."

Someone scribbled underneath: "So if you are a sandwich, don't come!"

Those Church Bulletin Notices That Didn't Come Out Quite Right....

- "Glory of God to all and peas to his people on earth"
- "Join us for a skirt presented by the Drama Team"
- "Applications are now being accepted for two year-old nursery workers"
- "The priest will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the priest's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew"

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